

Here are some questions, not necessarily in order of importance. And don't take offense; they are only questions I would need to ask.

- 1) "So, what are you trying to prove, that the District used formalin and never told employees?"

It has already been proven that the District used a formaldehyde product and never told all of its employees.

- 2) "If so, what proof do you have?"

I have eyewitness testimony that such product was sprayed between 2003-2006 and in 2010. I have spray records showing application from 2007-2009. All of this spraying was at their White Slough facility.

It is a fact that the District failed to post the MSDS label while storing, using and spraying this product. It is a fact that employees were not informed that this product was being used by the District. It is a fact that employees showed signs of overexposure.

- 3) "It seems that the District has been cleared of illegal or improper storing of any formalin or other chemicals"

The White Slough Facility has hidden under the radar. The ponds are treated with many products unknown to the employees as well as the public. Why did the district only stop using this product the year the DA's office began to investigate? It had been used for 8 consecutive years and then they just stopped. Why? The DA's office needs to reopen the topic and look at the criminal acts of the district pertaining to overexposure by employees from 2003-2010 without their knowledge or consent.

- 4) "Besides yourself, do you know of any other employees who might have been or were exposed to any dangerous chemicals?"

I will only speak for myself. I did witness co-workers with similar symptoms to mine. Please refer further questions about other employees to the union rep Bob Phibbs, (209) 369-6169.

- 5) "On what days were you exposed and how did you know you were exposed?"

When I felt ill at work, I sought out medical attention. The first sign each time was an all-over body rash. I sought out medical attention on 6/9/2004, 1/26/2005, and 10/11/2005. Please remember that I was hired on 4/19/2004. I have medical records to show these three separate

workers' compensation exposure claims.

6) "Has anyone you know died because of exposure? If so, do you have concrete proof?"

Refer this question to the DA's office, the Grand Jury or to the District itself. I have no concrete proof, but I believe that overexposure to the chemicals used by the District has led to one premature death, so far.

7) The question is just that, did you complain to anyone in the district about any of the exposures. Or did you only file civil complaints?

Back in June of 2004 I was first exposed to some unknown toxin that sent me to the hospital. My then-supervisor made sure that I filed a workers' compensation claim and sought out medical attention. As Dameron Hospital was unaware of the chemicals being used by the Mosquito District I was only treated for my symptoms. Dameron Hospital diagnosed me with allergic rhinitis. I sustained three exposures within my first year of employment and all of these were known to my supervisor and management at the Mosquito District. I knew that I had been exposed to something, but didn't know what it was. I did not "complain" to anyone in the district about any of the exposures but instead sought out medical treatment. I only became aware of the formaldehyde product in 2011 during the Grand Jury investigation of 2010. I have since filed complaints with a number of state agencies, but have not filed any civil complaints.

8) As for the second question about other employees you answered it by saying that you didn't want other employees to be involved.

Other employees showed similar symptoms as mine (rashes, flu-like symptoms, etc.) over the years that we worked together but none of them got directly involved in my exposures aside from my supervisor who made sure that I sought out medical attention.

[You've had the grand jury investigate the district, with the DA concluding the formalin was for medicinal purposes; you've also had the grand jury investigate sex harassment and problems with the Brown Act; so far, the grand jury has acknowledged the sex harassment but not much of anything else; It's also admonished the district and especially the board, for not being more knowledgeable about its own budget.]

9) Why do you persist in the formalin complaint?

What was actually used is still unknown to us. To fully appreciate how dangerous such chemicals can be, I'd refer you to similar MSDS labels.